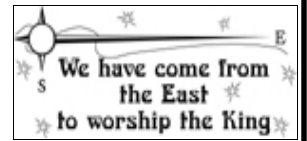




The Church of Saint Theresa

January 8, 2016 :- The Epiphany of the Lord



From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. We celebrate the Feast of "The Three Kings; the Feast of "The Magi."

We sing:

"O Star of Wonder, Star of Night, Star with Royal Beauty Bright, westward leading still processing, guide us to that perfect light."

The Gospel tells us: "They opened their treasures."

Like the Magi, each of us has a treasure to offer The Lord and to offer the world. The prayerful question we should ask ourselves this weekend is:

What is it?

What do we have to give?

Sometimes the present - is the gift of being present.

No matter who we are, or where we come from, or what we do:

Each of us has a treasure to offer.

The Magi were just the first.

They aren't the last.

Let us let God lead us

as we follow the Star,

and follow the light

and offer our gifts to The Lord.

God Bless You,
Fr. Joe

St. Theresa Reflection...

"I would like to love Jesus so much...to love him more than he has ever been loved! My only desire is to always do the will of Jesus!"

-St. Theresa

Stewardship Reflection...

"The earth belongs to the Lord, and everything in it, the world and all its people."

-Psalm 24:1

As a parish we gave \$7,031.00 as a Gift to God the weekend of December 31/January 1. The Christmas Collection was \$78,212.00.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Thank you for choosing to worship at the Church of St. Theresa! We welcome your participation in song & prayer. If you are interested in renewing your faith as a Catholic or becoming a Catholic, we can assist with your journey of faith. Please contact our Rectory Office 908-272-4444.

*Come and See! Come and Celebrate!
Come Share Our Master's Joy!*

VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES

Handicap Accessible Side Entrance located on 23rd Street. Prior to Mass, please advise Priest or Usher for Holy Communion instructions.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Sunday

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Mk 2:13-17



In Memoriam

Host: Mr. Brown * Trudy Neuhauser

Wine: Mr. Brown * Trudy Neuhauser

Sanctuary Lamp: Special Intention * Helen Merlo

Saturday, January 7

- 7:00 AM Dr. Pacita & Rodolfo Colanta *
Manny & Maribel Guevara
- 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna
- 5:30 PM Joseph E. Kratzer, Sr. (12th Ann.) *
Joe & Diane Kratzer
- 5:30 PM Robert Kropp * St. Theresa's Church

Sunday, January 8

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Grace Rappa *
The Campanella Family
- 9:00 AM Raymond Vetter (14th Ann.) * Wife, Arleen
- 10:30 AM Vincent Yeo (9th Ann.) * Sister, Frances Price
- 12:00 PM Mendeline Rivera Feliciano (1st Ann.) *
Brenda & Don Marino
- 3:00 PM Divine Mercy/Maria Giacobbe * The Budis Family
- 5:00 PM Pasquale & Vincenzo Bressi * Lena & Joe Cardella

Monday, January 9

- 7:00 AM Theodore Rapczynski (37th Ann.) * Family
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Francesco Aiello
- 7:30 PM Mrs. Grace Rappa * Betty & Dan Lynch

Tuesday, January 10

- 7:00 AM Angelo Yonnata *
Your Friends at New Providence High School
- 9:00 AM Rosa Cupito * Antonia, Caterina & Donna

Wednesday, January 11

- 7:00 AM Francesca Victoria Pear * Cristina Werthmann
- 9:00 AM Girolamo Cuppari * Joe Macchia Family
- 7:30 PM Erma C. Harris (34th Ann.) * The Harris Family

Thursday, January 12

- 7:00 AM Elena Delcampo * Virginia Horre
- 9:00 AM Pasquale Cuppari * Joe Macchia & Family

Friday, January 13

- 7:00 AM Grace Rappa * Your Best Friend, Patti D./Sister
- 9:00 AM Veronica Piazza * Dennis & Sandra

Saturday, January 14

- 7:00 AM Edna Caravello *
Lorenzo & Penny Marmol & Family
- 9:00 AM Joseph F. Coakley (2nd Ann.) *
Dorothy Leonard & Family
- 5:30 PM Eleanor & Frank Werbalis (16th Ann.) *
Catherine Gauer

Sunday, January 15

- 7:30 AM Parishioners & Lena Shields * Dorothy Leonard
- 9:00 AM Mildred Chonko (1st Ann.) * The Duda Family
- 10:30 AM Rev. Alfred J. Kowalski * Perpetual Mass
- 10:30 AM Anne Shoblock * Maria & Francesco Pugliese
- 12:00 PM Giuseppe Petracca (22nd Ann.) *
Caterina Barritta & Family
- 5:00 PM Joseph Schiavino * Martha & Stu Cray & Family

2018 MASS BOOK

We are now accepting requests for 2018 Mass intentions for the beloved deceased on the anniversary of their death. Additional Mass requests for birthdays, etc. will only be accepted after all anniversary requests have been fulfilled. Request forms can be found in the vestibule of the Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES!

Join us on the dates listed below from 8-9pm for the continuation of our Adult Bible Study. We will meet every other Monday night in the Chapel for an hour of reflection on Holy Scripture. Following is our upcoming schedule. For information, contact John Tintera at (908) 265-6148 or our Bible Study webpage <http://www.st-theresa-bible.com/>

- January 16 - Psalms 51 - 100
- January 30 - Psalms 101 - 150
- February 13 - Proverbs 1-15
- February 27 - Proverbs 16 - 31



ROSARY SOCIETY WEEKDAY RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY AND THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us Monday through Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass, (approx. 9:30AM) to recite the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As requested by Our Lady, the Rosary is said for the reparation of man's sins, for the conversion of the world and for the end of abortion. The Mercy Chaplet is said imploring God's Mercy on all mankind and for individual intentions. In all things we give honor and glory to God our Father through the Sacred Heart of His Son Jesus Christ and the Immaculate Heart of our heavenly Mother Mary. Again, please join us, all are welcome and needed.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DIVORCED & SEPARATED

Are you separated or divorced? Do you know someone who is? The Divorced and Separated Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights is offering a twelve week support group designed to provide comfort and healing before, during, and after the divorce process. The group will meet on Wednesdays, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM beginning February 15 and will continue through May 10.

The program features video presentations from *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide followed by discussion. Some of the topics covered are: Finding Strength and Help, Getting Through Your Anger, Learning to Forgive, Handling Money Wisely, and Relearning How to Date. The group is open to all denominations. Registration is required.*

For more information and to register, please see the church's website lfbhnj.org, contact divorceministry.lf@gmail.com or call the church office at 908-464-1585.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Program

Tonight all High School Students are invited to join us for our meeting at St. Michael's. Doors open at 7pm tonight and we get started shortly after 7:30pm. Don't forget to invite your friends to join us! A reminder Ski Trip Forms and deposits are due in tonight.

Jr. High School Program

We invite all 7th and 8th graders from both St. Theresa's and St. Michael's to join us for the startup meeting of the Jr. High Youth Ministry Program on Thursday January 26th at 7:30pm. This group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday nights of the month in the Youth Room at Michaels from 7 to 9pm. Doors will open at 7pm and we will get started by 7:30pm.

Get the latest information about the Youth Ministry Program at www.stmtym.com You can also reach Rich at the Youth Ministry Office at 276-5990 or via email at rich@stmtym.com

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE PICKUP

The 2017 weekly offertory envelope boxes are alphabetically arranged and ready for pickup in the Old Cry Room. For any issues with an envelope label correction, missing envelope box, and new parish registration, please complete the form in the Old Cry-Room or contact the Rectory Office.

THE WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE & THE IRS

Using our weekly offertory envelopes enables the parish to provide a statement of deductions at the end of the year that satisfies the IRS deduction requirements. IRS tax rules forbid tax deductions for charitable donations unless the donor can prove the donation through receipts or other financial records. Contact the Rectory Office for more information.

PARISH REGISTRATION & UPDATES

Registering as a member of our parish is an important aspect of our Catholic community life. It is an opportunity to identify our parishioners and allow us to serve our parish community accordingly. We invite you to register or simply update our records with your new address, phone or a family member's name change. Please contact the Rectory for a registration or update form 908-272-4444.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISERS

Popcornopolis Continues to May 31, 2017, Cash Only. Carmel, White Cheddar, Kettle, Jalapeno, Zebra, 7 oz for \$7.00, Sponsored by: Team Rosa

Avon Fundraiser Due Date: None - This is a year long Fundraiser, 50% of the profit will be donated. Sponsored by: Team Rosa www.youravon.com/melissarosa



ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE

New Parents, come visit St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare for children aged 6 weeks to 36 months. Affordable, convenient, loving Salesian environment, secure and safe. Call the School Office to arrange a visit or for more information call 908-276-7220 or email www.mysts.org

ST. THERESA LIL' STALLIONS DAYCARE PART TIME DAYCARE WORKERS NEEDED

St. Theresa Lil' Stallions Daycare Program is in need of part time caregivers. If you are interested in providing a loving and nurturing environment for children from 6 weeks to 36 weeks please contact us at 908-276-7220.

ST. THERESA HOME SCHOOL ASSOC. CALENDAR RAFFLE

St. Theresa Home School Association would like to announce the winners of our weekly calendar drawing. Dec 24 Gail Russo #1720, Dec 25 Jennifer Barge #1237, Dec 26 Linda DaSilva #1179, Dec 27 Emilie Ortyl #2093, Dec 28 Kimberly Witynski #1491, Dec 29 Phil Gailliot #710 and Dec 30 Clark Crawford #2423.

Congratulations to all our winners. Thank you for supporting St. Theresa School.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

An annual scholarship has been established for our graduating class at St. Theresa School in memory of Joe and Elena Zygnerski who sadly passed away last fall. Both Joe and Elena were huge supporters of our school and parish in so many ways, and have helped to develop what our parish is today.

This scholarship will be used to further our children's education as they take their next step into high school. If you should have any interest in helping please contact Sr. Helene. Your kind support is greatly appreciated. May God Bless You and Keep You!

JOURNEY WITH RCIA

All are welcome to learn about the teachings and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church with our RCIA Ministry as it supports the candidates into full initiation to the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

This week's topic with Carrin Fernandes and John Tintera is "The Catholic Church". There is no session on January 15, 2017. On Sunday January 22, join the discussion about "The Seven Sacraments" with Kevin Killen.

For more information, please contact the Rectory Office.